

## HINTS AT SUICIDE, THEN DISAPPEARS

Police Searching for Miss Blanche Ferguson.

### MAN A FIGURE IN MYSTERY

Young Woman Was Last Seen with an Unidentified Companion in the Hotel Harris Friday Night, Where She Wrote a Pathetic Note to Her Sister at Langley, Va.

A pathetic letter and a well-dressed man figure in the mysterious disappearance yesterday of Miss Blanche Ferguson, twenty-five years old, sister of Mrs. J. O. Gantt, of Langley, Va.

It is feared the woman will commit suicide, and to defeat her purpose detectives have been detailed to locate her. They are working hard to frustrate her supposed plans.

Miss Ferguson was last seen in the Hotel Harris, Massachusetts avenue and North Capitol street, about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when she wrote the letter to her sister, saying, "I am dying from a broken heart, and my troubles will soon be over." Employees of the hotel saw the woman enter shortly after midnight. She was accompanied by a man, who is said to have been well dressed. The woman appeared nervous and looked as though she was ill.

Wrote for an Hour. Followed by her escort, Miss Ferguson went to a writing room and sat down at a desk. For nearly an hour she sat writing, watched by the man across the desk, who seemed to heed her every move. When she had finished the message, Miss Ferguson went to read it. The wording did not please her, apparently, for she suddenly tore the sheets in bits and threw them in a waste-paper basket.

This displeased her escort, and leaning over the desk, he remonstrated with her, speaking in a low tone, which could not be heard by persons near the couple. Miss Ferguson dismissed the man's rebuke with a toss of her head, and began rewriting the letter. She had written half a page when she glanced at an advertisement near the top of the sheet, which contained the name of the hotel. Folding the paper, she tore off the advertisement and threw it in the basket. Writing rapidly and occasionally stopping to read what she had written, the woman continued until she had finished the letter. She placed it in an envelope, addressed it and put a stamp upon it, and placed it in a mail box. Then taking the arm of her escort, Miss Ferguson left the hotel and disappeared. She has not been seen since, as far as has been learned.

The letter was received in the post-office at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, and early in the afternoon it was delivered to Mrs. Gantt. She refused to disclose the entire contents of the missive and told only the sentence—"I am dying of a broken heart, and my troubles will soon be over."

As soon as Mrs. Gantt realized the significance of the letter she told her husband. Gantt came to Washington to search for the missing woman. Neither

he nor his wife had seen her in three months. The last time they talked with her was when she called to see them at their home one afternoon late in the summer. She told them she was boarding at an address in Twelfth street northwest. Gantt remembered the address, and when he reached the city he went to the house. He was told Miss Ferguson had given up her apartments three months ago. This mystified Gantt. He recalled his wife had addressed letters to her sister through general delivery, Station G.

At the post-office Gantt learned his sister-in-law had received letters frequently, but none of the clerks could tell him where the woman lived. Gantt next turned to the letter his wife had received. He had brought it with him when he came to Washington. On the outside of the envelope he saw the hotel advertisement. Miss Ferguson had torn off the printing on the sheets of paper on which she had written, but had overlooked the name of the hotel printed on the envelope.

Went to the Hotel. Gantt went to the hotel, but because he was not empowered with authority was unable to obtain information. He went to police headquarters and appealed to Acting Lieut. Charles Evans, night chief of detectives. Evans declined to talk of the case when questioned later, but it was learned he notified policemen on duty on the various bridges in the District and policemen stationed on the water front to watch for a woman answering the description of Miss Ferguson as given by Gantt.

Evans also detailed Detectives O'Dea and Cox to trace the missing woman from the time she left the hotel. The police are trying to locate or learn the identity of the man with whom Miss Ferguson was last seen. It is believed he can clear the mystery in the case.

The following description of Miss Ferguson was sent to the eleven police precincts in the District: Blanche Ferguson, twenty-five years old, five feet, seven or eight inches in height; weighs about 140 pounds; fair; has brown hair and blue eyes; wears dark tailor-made coat suit, leather hat of late model, and black shoes.

### JOY RIDING IN AIR STOPPED.

General Orders that Outsiders Must Not Go Up in Government Biplane. There will be no more joy riding in the government aeroplane.

Gen. Allen, chief signal officer of the army, has issued orders that hereafter no person shall be taken up in the airship who is not officially assigned. This order was issued recently, when Gen. Allen learned that the wife of an army officer stationed in Washington had made a short flight with Wilbur Wright.

While the department does not intend its order as a rebuke to the officers in charge of the aeroplane work, it was considered more advisable to prevent further "joy riding," because the Signal Corps would be overwhelmed with applications for a ride in the airship if the practice were not immediately stopped. The work of the aeronautical squad is about completed for the winter. Gen. Allen has telegraphed to the shop of the Wright brothers in Dayton, Ohio, asking if they have an additional winged machine shipped to Washington immediately to repair the damage done to the accident Friday. If the damage can be repaired within the next few days, flights will be continued as long as the weather allows.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Sunday, Nov. 7-8 p. m. There have been showers from Ohio southward to the Carolina coast, but elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains the weather was generally fair, a great high pressure area over the eastern half of the continent dominating the weather conditions.

Temperatures are nearly normal in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Eastern Lower Lake region, but elsewhere they remain considerably above the seasonal average. Showers continued over the northern districts west of the Rocky Mountains, and extended into the San Joaquin Valley of California, accompanied by slightly lower temperatures.

Western Texas northward to Manitoba, and it will move eastward attended by some cloudiness Sunday in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and Upper Lake region, but probably without precipitation of much consequence, at least for the next day or two. Over the East and South the weather will be generally fair Sunday and Monday, and also over the districts west of the Rocky Mountains, except on the north coast, where falling pressure indicates more rain.

It will be somewhat warmer Sunday and Monday in the Lower Lake region, the Middle Atlantic States, and New England; cooler Sunday in the Northwest and the Central Plains States and the Central Rocky Mountain region, and cooler Monday in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and the Northern and Western Upper Lake region. The winds along the New England coast will be moderate northerly, shifting to southeasterly Sunday night; on the Middle Atlantic coast light to moderate east to southeast; on the South Atlantic coast light and mostly east to southeast; on the Gulf coast light to moderate southeast to south; on the Lower Lakes moderate east to southeast; on the Upper Lakes moderate east to south, shifting to southeasterly and westerly, possibly becoming brisk.

Local Temperature. Midnight: 42 a. m. 45; 10 a. m. 45; 2 p. m. 45; 4 p. m. 45; 6 p. m. 45; 8 p. m. 45; 10 p. m. 45. Maximum, 55; minimum, 41. Relative humidity—8 a. m. 50; 2 p. m. 40; 8 p. m. 77. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), trace. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 50; minimum, 35.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Aberville, N. C.	70	40	64	...
Atlanta, Ga.	74	56	65	...
Atlantic City, N. J.	62	48	48	...
Bismarck, N. Dak.	64	36	46	...
Boston, Mass.	58	34	42	...
Buffalo, N. Y.	56	36	40	...
Chicago, Ill.	58	30	56	...
Chicoutimi, Ohio	56	46	66	...
Cheyenne, Wyo.	68	32	42	...
Davenport, Iowa	70	46	62	...
Denver, Colo.	76	42	62	...
Des Moines, Iowa	68	46	66	...
Galveston, Tex.	78	74	74	...
Helena, Mont.	46	40	40	T.
Indianapolis, Ind.	76	48	68	...
Jacksonville, Fla.	82	66	70	...
Little Rock, Ark.	74	56	66	...
Los Angeles, Cal.	68	64	60	...
Marquette, Mich.	56	32	46	...
Memphis, Tenn.	74	62	72	...
New Orleans, La.	82	64	70	...
New York, N. Y.	68	40	48	...
North Platte, Neb.	72	34	66	...
Omaha, Neb.	72	58	66	...
Pittsburg, Pa.	60	46	54	...
Portland, Me.	44	22	36	...
Portland, Ore.	56	44	56	...
Salt Lake City, Utah	56	30	50	...
St. Louis, Mo.	72	56	66	T.
St. Paul, Minn.	60	42	56	...
San Francisco, Cal.	60	40	56	...
Springfield, Ill.	74	50	66	...
Tacoma, Wash.	56	36	50	...
Toledo, Ohio	54	40	48	...
Vicksburg, Miss.	78	58	74	...

### Tide Table.

Today—High tide, 3:47 a. m. and 4:13 p. m.; low tide, 10:24 a. m. and 10:56 p. m.

To-morrow—High tide, 4:49 a. m. and 5:59 p. m.; low tide, 11:33 a. m. and 11:40 p. m.

### Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald. Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Nov. 6.—Both rivers are clear this evening.

### Naval Chiefs Confer.

Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N., commanding officer of the Atlantic battle-ship fleet, had a conference yesterday with Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Rear Admiral Potter, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, on routine matters regarding the fleet.

### Will Preach at St. Ann's.

Rev. Father Handley, of the Apostolic Mission House, well-known Paulist missionary, will preach at St. Ann's Church, Tenallytown, at the high mass at 11 o'clock to-day.

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We have some extra good values for to-morrow for those who have and have not purchased their Ready-to-Wear Suit, Dress, or Coat.

### Jersey-top Dresses.

To-morrow Women's All-silk Jersey Top Dresses—prunella cloth; pleated skirts; two styles; worth \$25 and \$22. To-morrow—

**\$9.57**

### Women's White Waists.

An extra heavy purchase of Women's Waists, in white luster and most tailored, launzier effects; very newest 1909 styles; some being advance styles for spring 1910; included in this lot are also black satin and Blanche Waists; worth \$2.00, \$1.75, and \$1.50. 5,000 Women's White Waists go on sale to-morrow at \$1.00 each.

**87c**

### One-piece Dresses.

To-morrow Women's Black and Navy Blue Striped Prunella Cloth Dresses; also navy, gray, wistaria, and green dresses of good quality storm serge; actual value, \$22.50. To-morrow—

**\$12.55**

### Women's Coats.

Manufacturer's surplus stock Women's Long Coats; all sizes; newest mixtures; well-tailored, up-to-date styles. Worth \$25.00 and \$22.50. To-morrow—

**\$12.88**

### Women's Coat Suits.

To-morrow Women's Two-piece Suits, Coat and Skirt; coats are extra long; all satin-lined; skirts are new pleated effects; black, navy, wistaria, artichoke, brown, and gray in three shades; worth up to \$35. To-morrow—

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### Children's Black Caracul Coats

To-morrow we offer Children's Very Silky Black Caracul Long Coats; sizes 6 to 14 years. Special price—

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Cotele Cheval, Yd., \$1.25.

An extremely fashionable corded material; 44 inches wide; in the most fashionable colors, including janice, artichoke, raisin, smoke, walnut, ancient rose, etc. On \$1.25 sale and display to-morrow at \$1.00.

**\$3.50 White Bear fur, Yd., \$2.79.**

50-inch Polar Bear; in white only; washable; good, heavy face; nice for children's coats. Buy to-morrow at the special price of, per yard—

**\$2.79**

**\$1.00 Dress Goods for Only, Yd., 79c.**

Choose from Fine Storm Serge, Imported Satin-striped Prunella, Genuine English Mohair, Silky-finished French All-wool Henrietta, Van Dyke Serge, Herringbone, Poplin, Shadow Check, French Taffeta, and a host of other desirable weaves; all new autumn colors, including raisin, bois de rose, coquard, chloire, eggplant, etc.; every yard worth \$1.00. Price, yard—

**79c**

**\$1.00 Black Cheviot, 75c.**

All-wool Cheviot, 56 inches wide; an ideal black; wear guaranteed; the correct weight for tailored suits or separate skirts. Instead of \$1.00 to go at our special price, per yard—

**75c**

69c Dress Goods for Only, Yd., 49c.

Don't let anything prevent you from attending this sale—you'll get the best values. It has been your good fortune to procure. Choose from Two-toned Herringbone, excellent All-wool Serge, All-wool 42-inch Cheviot, Self-colored All-wool Serge, Shadow Stripes, Mohair, Silky-finished, Plaids, Checks, and many other desirable fabrics; all colors, including a series of the new bois de rose and pompadour shades; every yard is a 69c to 75c value. Price, yard—

**\$2.75 Black Imported Broadcloth, \$1.98.**

56-inch Imported Chiffon Broadcloth; guaranteed spotproof; sponged and shrunk ready for the needle; this cloth has a very bright satin luster and permanent finish; extra width—56 inches wide. Special price, per yard—

**\$1.98**

**\$2.00 Imported Broadcloths, \$1.69.**

52-inch Fine Imported Chiffon Broadcloth, with a very handsome satin luster and permanent finish; fifty different shades, in all the new evening, pastel shades, street shades, and beautiful black; bring samples from elsewhere for comparison; this cloth we imported to sell for \$2.00. To go at our special price, per yard—

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**\$1.25 Golf Red Thibet Cloth, 98c.**

56-inch All-wool Thibet Cloth, in the golf red, which is very fashionable for children's coats; a good, heavy weight; sponged nicely. Instead of \$1.25, to go at our special price, per yard—

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**52-inch Diagonal Perle, \$1.69.**

Imported Worsted Diagonal Perle, one of the very newest weaves for fall and winter wear; the correct weight for tailored suits; in all the new shades, such as amethyst, petunia, coal-dust, olive, catwallow, nectarine, arabian brown, navy, and black. Per yard—

**\$1.69**

**\$1.25 Wide Wale Diagonal, 89c.**

Here is an exceptional bargain—56-inch Diagonal, the wide wale, which is so fashionable for this season; in two shades of gray, blue, and black; the quality that has never sold under \$1.25. To go at our special price, per yard—

**89c**

**\$2.00 Stripe Broadcloth, \$1.29.**

50-inch All-wool Imported Broadcloth, with self-stripe effect, which is in great demand this season; shown in twenty new colors and black, instead of \$2.00, to go at our special price, per yard—

**\$1.29**

**\$1.25 Black and White Checks, 98c.**

54 inches wide, the very fashionable Shepherd Checks; in three sizes—small, medium, and large checks; the quality that sells elsewhere \$1.50 yard. Our special price, per yard—

**98c**

**\$1.00 Black Henrietta, 75c.**

All-wool Imported Silk-finish Henrietta, a beautiful black; the soft finish, for making princess dresses; this quality you would pay for elsewhere \$1.50 yard. Our special price, per yard—

**75c**

**Black Ottoman and Prunella, \$1.00.**

Priestley's Black All-wool Ottoman and Prunella Cloth, with a beautiful, rich, lustrous finish; sponged on shrunk ready for the needle; will not spot or shrink; actual value, \$1.25. Our price, per yard—

**\$1.00**

**\$1.69 Black Unfinished Worsteds, \$1.25.**

To-morrow we will put on sale a very fine Unfinished Worsteds, the kind the tailors are using very extensively for coat suits and skirts; in black only; 48 inches wide; positively \$1.69 quality. For to-morrow \$1.25 only, per yard—

**\$1.25**

### BARON UCHIDA APPOINTED.

Able Diplomat of Japan Will Come to Washington Embassy.

The appointment of Baron Yasuya Uchida, as Japanese Ambassador to the United States, was reported to the State Department yesterday by Mr. O'Brien, American Ambassador at Tokyo.

Baron Uchida is forty-four years old, and is regarded as one of the ablest diplomats in the Japanese foreign service. Since February, 1907, he has been the Japanese diplomatic representative at

### Vienna, Baroness Uchida is a daughter of Mr. Dogura, a millionaire of Yama-

moto, and was educated at Bryn Mawr College. Baron Uchida served in 1887 as an attaché of the Japanese legation in Washington.

Baron Uchida will succeed Baron Togo Takahira, who was recently recalled because of ill health. Baron Takahira left Washington last August for Tokyo, and ever since his departure it has been generally understood that he would not return to the United States.

Largest Morning Circulation.

### MOTORCYCLIST LOSES LIFE.

James Sullivan Struck by Street Car and Dies in Hospital.

Struck by a car while riding a motorcycle at New Jersey and Massachusetts avenues yesterday morning, James Sullivan, thirty years old, of 639 L street northeast, was knocked to the ground, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death in the afternoon.

Sullivan was a tinner, and a member of the firm of House & Sullivan, 155 Eleventh street northeast. He left the

shop yesterday morning on a motorcycle, carrying a kit of tools. When he reached the intersection of the avenues he tried to pass before car No. 28 of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The machine was struck by the car and Sullivan was thrown to the asphalt.

Dr. Lewis A. Walker, of 622 New Jersey avenue, and Motorman William J. Sagar and Conductor E. P. Lydman cared for the injured man until the arrival of an ambulance. Sullivan was removed to Casualty Hospital, where his death occurred.

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Books for the transfer of preferred stock will be closed from November 14, 1909, to December 1, 1909, both dates inclusive.

F. J. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

A DIVIDEND OF ONE (1) PER CENT HAS been declared on the common stock and the Union Railway and Electric Company, payable December 1, 1909, out of the balance of the net profits of the company for the half year ended June 30, 1909, to common stockholders of record at the close of business November 13, 1909.

Books for the transfer of common stock will be closed from November 14, 1909, to December 1, 1909, both dates inclusive.

F. J. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

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### DIED.

BRAXTON—On Thursday, November 4, 1909, at her residence, 322 Eleventh street southeast, MARY M. BRAXTON, beloved sister of Caroline Colbert and Nora P. Scott and aunt of Gertrude Thompson (nee Colbert). Funeral Monday, November 8, from St. Cyriaque's Church, Thirteenth and C streets southeast, at 9 a. m.

BRODERICK—Suddenly, on Saturday, November 6, 1909, at 15:30 a. m., CATHERINE, beloved wife of the late Thomas D. Broderick. Funeral from her late residence, 476 E street southwest, Tuesday morning, November 9, at 10 a. m. to St. Dominic's Church, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of her soul.

LINKENS—On Saturday, November 6, 1909, LENA, beloved wife of William F. Linkens. Funeral from the chapel of William H. Sardo & Co., 498 H street northeast, Monday, November 8, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

MARSHALL—Departed this life on Saturday, November 6, 1909, at 9:40 a. m., at her residence, Eighteenth street and New York avenue northwest, ALICE M. MARSHALL, beloved wife of George J. Marshall and mother of Alfred Marshall.

Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Julia Liverpool, 507 Second street southwest, then to St. Augustine's Church, Tuesday morning, November 9, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of her soul at 9 a. m.

MacWHORTER—Suddenly, on Friday, November 5, 1909, at 3:45 p. m., GEORGE T. MacWHORTER, beloved husband of Mary C. MacWhorter, in his fifty-ninth year.

Funeral services at his late residence, 1234 Irving street northwest, Monday, November 8, at 11 a. m. Interment private. (Danville and Waterloo, N. Y., papers please copy.)

OSBORN—On Wednesday, November 3, 1909, at Pittsburgh, Pa., CHARLES M. OSBORN, son of John L. and the late Eliza Osborn, aged thirty-five years. Services at the chapel at Congressional Cemetery Monday, November 8, at 2 p. m. Funeral private.

SPIGNOL—On Friday, November 5, 1909, at 10 p. m., at his residence, 12